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SUBJECT: TEXTILES: NEW US-HK BILATERAL AGREEMENT

REFS: A) HONG KONG 7508, B) GENEVA 5088, C) HONG KONG 7018

1. HONG KONG DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DCI) SENIOR OFFICIAL TOLD CONOFF JULY 5 THAT AD REFERENDUM AGREEMENT (REF B), ON WHICH WE REMAIN UNINFORMED, WOULD REACH THE GOVERNOR'S DESK WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. CONSIDERATION BY THE GOVERNOR REPRESENTS THE FINAL STAGE OF HKG DELIBERATION ON AGREEMENT, AND HKG POSITION ON NEW AGREEMENT IS LIKELY TO BE ANNOUNCED SHORTLY AFTER GOVERNOR'S DECISION. DCI OFFICER LSO COMMUNICATED DISSATISFACTION WITHIN HK TEXTILE COMMUNITY, BOTH GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY, OVER TERMS OF NEW AGREEMENT AND TONE OF NEGOTIATIONS. ACCORDING TO DCI MAN, RANCOR AND DISSENSION HAVE CLOUDED EVERY PHASE OF HKG CONSIDERATION OF AGREEMENT.

2. AS NOTED REF A, PRESS INTEREST IN NEW AGREEMENT REMAINS
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KEEN, WITH MUCH SPECULATION FOCUSSED ON RUMORED RESTRICTIONS FOR SENSITIVE ITEMS AND ANNUAL GROWTH RATES SET BELOW 6 PERCENT. THE LATTER POINT HAS BEEN SEEN BY HKG AND MEDIA TO CONFLICT WITH USG POSITION FAVORING RENEWAL OF PRESENT MFA (REF C).

3. IN VIEW OF PUBLIC CONCERN OVER AGREEMENT AND LIKELIHOOD OF EARLY HKG DECISION ON IT, CONGEN URGENTLY NEEDS INFORMATION

AND GUIDANCE REQUESTED REF A.
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